

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.25060 of 2019

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Nundeo Manjhi Son of Late Hari Manjhi, Resident of House No.-411, Road No. 2, Gidhaur, P.S.-Gidhaur, District-Jamui.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The State of Bihar through Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Bihar, Patna.
2. The Director, Integrated Child Development Service, Government of Bihar, Patna.
3. The District Magistrate, District-Jamui.
4. The District Programme Officer, District-Jamui.
5. The Child Development Project Officer, Block-Sikandra, District-Jamui.

... .. Respondent/s

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr. Ashok Kumar Choudhary, Advocate Mr. Prakash Kumar, Advocate Mr. Manoranjan Kumar, Advocate Mr. Anshansh Ankit, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Md. Raisul Haque (SC10) Mr. Binay Kumar, AC to SC-10

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ASHUTOSH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 13-12-2019 Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the State.

The petitioner, who is the husband of late Gita Devi, an *Anganwari Sevika*, who died in harness, approached this Court for a direction to the respondents to pay him Rs. 4,00,000/- as *ex-gratia* payment in view of the Circular of the Government to compensate for such deaths.



For no apparent reason, the aforesaid Circular has not been given effect to in the case of the petitioner whose wife has died while working as Anganwari Sevika at the concerned Centre.

A representation also has been filed by the petitioner before the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Bihar, Patna but till date it appears that it has fallen on deaf ears.

Under the aforesaid circumstances, the petitioner was left with no other alternative but to approach this Hon'ble Court.

The petitioner, under the aforesaid circumstances, is directed to make a fresh representation before the Principal Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Bihar, Patna (Respondent No.1) within a period of three weeks, who on receipt of the same shall look into the claim of the petitioner, verify the facts and ascertain the liability of the Department to pay to the petitioner the *ex-gratia*



amount and if the claim of the petitioner is found to be
tenable, pass an order and make provision for immediate
payment of the same within a further period of four
weeks thereafter.

With the aforesaid observation / direction, this
petition stands disposed off.

(Ashutosh Kumar, J)

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